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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING JUNE 2 ON

APPROACH TO FOURIE

REF: USUN 2233

1. CONTACT GROUP MET AM JUNE 2 TO CONSIDER
VIEWS OF CAPITALS CONCERNING DRAFT TALKING POINTS
FOR INFORMAL APPROACH TO FOURIE. GROUP AGREED TO ONE
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CHANGE IN THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA FOUR
REFTEL: ADD THE FOLLOWING PARENTHETICAL SENTENCE TO
ITEM D IN THE LIST OF POSITIVE STEPS: "THIS, OF
COURSE, INCLUDES EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL PARTIES TO
BROADCASTING FACILITIES". ITEM D NOW READS IN ITS
ENTIRETY: "CEASE ALL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING RADIO
BROADCASTS, WHICH DEMONSTRATE PARTIALITY FOR OR

AGAINST INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL PARTIES IN NAMIBIA.
(THIS, OF COURSE, INCLUDES EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL
PARTIES TO BROADCASTING FACILITIES.)"

2. THE BRITISH SUGGESTED ONE OTHER CHANGE WHICH WAS
REJECTED. LONDON SUGGESTED THAT
ITEMS A AND C OF THE LIST OF POSITIVE STEPS,
WHICH BOTH BEGIN "ISSUE AN ORDER...", SHOULD BE
REDRAFTED TO REFLECT THAT IT WOULD BE THE
ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND NOT THE SOUTH AFRICANS
WHO WOULD IN FACT ISSUE SUCH ORDERS. THE GROUP QUICKLY
REJECTED THE SUGGESTION STATING THAT WE CONTINUE TO
HOLD THE SOUTH AFRICANS RESPONSIBLE FOR AFFAIRS
INSIDE NAMIBIA AND THAT THEREFORE THEY ARE THE ONES
WHO MUST BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING
SUCH ORDERS.

3. WITH THE ONE MINOR CHANGE NOTED ABOVE, THE GROUP
APPROVED THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA
FOUR OF REFTEL. THE CONTACT GROUP, THEN ADDRESSED THE
ISSUE OF INCLUDING SOME MENTION OF WALVIS BAY IN THE
TALKING POINTS. WE EVENTUALLY SETTLED ON COMPROMISE
LANGUAGE WHICH MELTS THE TWO ALTERNATIVE PARAGRAPHS
CONTAINED IN PARAS SIX AND SEVEN OF REF A. A FINAL
PARAGRAPH WOULD NOW BE ADDED TO THE TALKING POINTS
FOR FOURIE WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
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"WALVIS BAY. WE WERE SURPRISED THAT MR. VORSTER
SEEMED TO BE UNDER THE IMPRESSION, WHEN HE MET OUR
FIVE AMBASSADORS ON 24 MAY, THAT WALVIS BAY MIGHT BE
"DRAGGED INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS". AS YOU KNOW, OUR
PROPOSAL DOES NOT DEAL WITH WALVIS BAY. WE HAVE STATED
OUR VIEW THAT IT IS AN ISSUE WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR PROPOSAL AND WHICH
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NAMIBIA AND
SOUTH AFRICA. WE HAVE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT WALVIS
BAY IS AND WILL REMAIN A MATTER OF CONTROVERSY.
IN ANY CONSIDERATION OF OUR PROPOSAL BY THE SECURITY
COUNCIL, THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY WILL
INEVITABLY ARISE, AND WE SHALL HAVE TO STATE
OUR POSITION. (IF ASKED WHAT THAT POSITION WILL BE,
THE AMBASSADORS SHOULD REPLY THAT WE HAVE NOT
YET REACHED THAT STAGE.)"

4. FOLLOWING THE ABOVE MEETING, WE
RECEIVED CAPE TOWN'S 1100 CONTAINING
THE CAPE TOWN FIVE'S RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ABOVE
TALKING POINTS. THE CONTACT GROUP SUBSEQUENTLY

CONSIDERED THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND AGREED ON THE
FOLLOWING:

(A) TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION THAT IN PARA 3
OF THE TALKING POINTS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE QUOTATION
BE USED INSTEAD OF THE DIRECT QUOTATION.

(B) THAT THE OTHER THREE SUGGESTED
CHANGES SHOULD NOT BE MADE. (THE ISSUE OF EQUAL
'ACCESS TO BROADCASTING FACILITIES HAS, OF COURSE,

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ALREADY BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE TALKING POINTS
BY THE CHANGE INDICATED IN PARA ONE ABOVE.) YOUNG

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